

Project Factsheet for: LeClaire Hotels and River Run

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Project Location Information

Location: LeClaire, Iowa Mississippi River, mile 495.8

State(s): IA

Congressional District(s): IA-1, IA-2, IA-3, IA-4, IA-5

Status

The public notice for the LeClaire Hotels and River Run permit application was issued on October 26, 2005 and expired on November 15, 2005. Due to local opposition a public hearing was held by the City of LeClaire. The City denied the zoning request for the permanent barge but would entertain the zoning request for the recreational docking structures if a Corps permit was issued for them. Currently, we have requested revised drawings for just the docks and the mussel survey remains outstanding. We will continue our public interest review process for just the recreational docks upon receipt of the requested information.

Description

The project involves the construction of recreational docks and a permanent barge to moor the Celebration Belle. The Celebration Belle picks up passengers and cruises north to Dubuque, Iowa. The project is located within the LeClaire Canal which supports high recreational boater use. In addition, our fleet uses this canal to gain access to our marine support facilities at Lock and Dam 14. The docking structures and vessel are proposed to extend into the canal which could pose a navigation hazard to our fleet and to recreational boaters. Local opposition is high due to the number of homes located along the canal and the potential effect of the project on quality of life issues for the local residents. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has requested a mussel survey due to the potential for the endangered Higgins eye pearly mussel to exist at the site. We have also had public hearing requests for this project.

Summarized Financial Data

Federal Cost	\$
Non-Federal Cost	\$
Total Cost	\$
Federal Allocations through FY 2004	\$
Scheduled Federal Allocation for FY 2005	\$
Balance to Complete	\$

Authority

SI - Special Interest -- Permits

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